What is claimed is:

1. A fuel injector comprising:

a first tubular member adapted to contain a hydraulic actuator, the first tubular member being provided with a keyway;

a second tubular member adapted to contain a metering nozzle, the second tubular member contiguously abutting the first tubular member, the second tubular being provided with a second key way, the first key way and the second key way being substantially aligned; and

a curvilinear member abutting the first and second tubular members, the curvilinear member having at least a portion adapted to be disposed in the first and second key ways.

2. The fuel injector as claimed in claim 1, wherein the portion is at least a first end and a second end of the curvilinear member.

3. The fuel injector as claimed in claim 2, wherein at least one of the first end and the second end of the curvilinear member comprises a resilient member.

4. The fuel injector as claimed in claim 2, wherein the curvilinear member includes a circular band.

5. The fuel injector as claimed in claim 2, wherein the portion includes a first end and a second end of the curvilinear member.

6. The fuel injector as claimed in claim 5, wherein the curvilinear member includes a circular band.

7. A method of positioning elements within a fuel injector, the method comprising:

providing a first tubular element with a first groove disposed thereon, a second tubular element with a second groove disposed thereon;

aligning the first groove with the second groove; and

preventing movement of the first groove relative to the second groove.

8. The method of positioning as claimed in claim 7, wherein the preventing includes inserting a portion of a curvilinear member into the first and second grooves.

9. The method of positioning as claimed in claim 7, wherein the curvilinear member comprises a resilient portion.

10. The method of positioning as claimed in claim 7, wherein the preventing movement includes inserting both ends of a curvilinear member into the first and second grooves.

11. The method of positioning as claimed in claim 9, wherein the preventing movement includes inserting a resilient member into the first and second grooves.